

Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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1. is attached hereto.
2. X was filed on September 4, 2003, as International PCT Application No. PCT/FI2003/000645 and was amended on _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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| (List prior foreign applications.) | <u>20021631</u> (Number) | <u>Finland</u> (Country) | <u>12/09/2002</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Priority Claimed <u>X</u> Yes <u> </u> No |
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 See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States patent application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status)

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Keiko Tanaka Kubovcik
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(hereinafter ASSIGNEE), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the entire and exclusive right, title and interest to the invention entitled

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for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was executed on even date herewith unless otherwise indicated below:

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